



**BIG WOODS STATE FOREST**  
Unit 01, Stand 002

**NOTICE OF STATE FOREST TIMBER SALE**

Sealed bids will be received for the purchase of all timber (sawtimber and pulpwood) estimated for harvest in Unit 01, Stand 002 on the Big Woods State Forest, located in Sussex County, north of Rt. 622, one mile west of Rt. 620. See attached maps. Bids will be received by the Virginia Department of Forestry, New Kent Forestry Center, 11301 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA 23140, until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 30, 2014, at which time all bids will be opened.

The timber sale area contains approximately 33.2 acres of forestland consisting predominantly of loblolly pine sawtimber, chip and saw, and pulpwood with some mixed hardwood pulpwood. All sawtimber and standing pulpwood is estimated and scheduled for harvest cutting under this contract. The timber sale boundary is marked with pink flagging and blue paint stripes. Ingress and egress shall be only through access roads shown on the map or mutually agreed upon. All logging activity will be confined to the sale area and any logging debris accumulated outside the sale area, including the buffer strips, must be pulled back inside the sale area. Stump height shall not exceed 10 inches above mineral soil.

All merchantable timber is to be harvested by clear felling within the 33.2 acres. All trees greater than two (2) inches in diameter shall be felled.

The species, number of trees and volume of timber estimated for sale are as follows.

*The volumes are only estimates and not guaranteed. Each bidder is urged to use their own cruise data to compute bids.*

**SAWTIMBER (ESTIMATE)**

| SPECIES       | NUMBER OF TREES | TOTAL VOLUME (BD. FT.<br>INTERNATIONAL 1/4" RULE) | AVE. BD. FT.<br>PER TREE |
|---------------|-----------------|---|--------------------------|
| LOBLOLLY PINE | 2,891           | 303,900   | 105                      |

**CHIP AND SAW (ESTIMATE)**

| SPECIES       | NUMBER OF TREES | TOTAL VOLUME (BD. FT.<br>INTERNATIONAL 1/4" RULE) | AVE. BD. FT.<br>PER TREE |
|---------------|-----------------|---|--------------------------|
| LOBLOLLY PINE | 2,025           | 106,800   | 53                       |

**PULPWOOD (ESTIMATE)**

| SPECIES        | NUMBER OF TREES | VOLUME (TONS)  |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| LOBLOLLY PINE  | 3,869           | 951.3          |
| MIXED HARDWOOD | 890             | 172.2          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>4,759</b>    | <b>1,123.5</b> |

### SAWTIMBER VOLUME (BD. FT.) BY DBH (ESTIMATE)

| SPECIES       | # TREES | VOLUME  | # TREES | VOLUME | # TREES | VOLUME  | # TREES | VOLUME | # TREES | VOLUME |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
|               | TOTAL   | TOTAL   | 10      | 10     | 12      | 12      | 14      | 14     | 16      | 16     |
| LOBLOLLY PINE | 2,891   | 303,900 | 36      | 1,800  | 2,362   | 226,400 | 493     | 75,700 | -       | -      |

All bids will be on a lump sum basis for the timber offered. No bids on a log scale or mill tally basis will be considered. A one thousand dollar (\$1,000) deposit must accompany all bids. In order for your bid to be accepted, the deposit must be in the form of a check made payable to the State Forester. *This deposit will serve as a performance bond and be retained until the contract is satisfactorily concluded by the successful bidder. For all unsuccessful bidders, the deposit will be returned.* The Department reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Particulars, including proposal form and sample contract may be secured from the Virginia Department of Forestry, Tom Zaebst, Assistant State Forest Manager, 751 Oak Hill Road, Cumberland, VA 23040 (804) 492-4121 or by contacting Dennis Gaston at (804) 966-2201 or (804) 840-5493 to inspect the area and timber offered for sale.

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Be sure to enter your complete and correct address.
2. All bids will be on the basis of a lump sum for the timber offered. Be sure to enter the lump sum price for all the timber offered (estimated to be 303,900 board feet of sawtimber, 106,800 board feet of pine chip and saw and 1,123.5 tons of pulpwood). Bids to purchase portions of the timber offered, or bids on a log scale or mill run price will not be considered. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.
3. A one thousand dollar (\$1,000) deposit must accompany all bids. The deposit must be in the form of a check made payable to the "State Forester." This deposit will serve as a performance bond and be retained until the contract is satisfactorily concluded by the successful bidder, at which time it will be released. For all unsuccessful bidders, the deposit will be returned.
4. Seal your proposal in the enclosed envelope which is labeled as follows: SEALED BID for Timber Sale on the Big Woods State Forest, Unit 01, Stand 002. OPEN: July 30, 2014 / 10:00 AM. **Please write your name and phone number on the sealed envelope, "Bid Proposed by: (Name)."**
5. **Enclose this sealed envelope in your envelope addressed to the Virginia Department of Forestry, Attention: Dennis Gaston, New Kent Forestry Center, 11301 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA 23140**
6. Be sure your bid is signed, sealed and mailed in time to reach New Kent Forestry Center well before 10:00 a.m., July 30, 2014.
7. Results of the timber sale can be found on the Virginia Department of Forestry website on the date of the sealed bid opening at <http://www.dof.virginia.gov/genserv/index.htm#TimberSales> or by calling (804) 492-4121 or (804) 966-2201.



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**TIMBER SALE:** Located in Sussex County, north of Rt. 622, one mile west of Rt. 620. See attached maps and consult a Virginia Highway map. State Forest personnel will take prospective buyers to the timber sale area if requested.

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME) (RURAL/PO BOX, CITY)

\_\_\_\_\_ Virginia, \_\_\_\_\_ [Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_] hereby offer to  
(ZIP CODE)

purchase the timber offered for cutting on the designated portion of the Big Woods State Forest, estimated to be approximately 303,900 board feet of sawtimber, 106,800 board feet of chip and saw and 1,123.5 tons of pulpwood for the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_). The required check for \$1,000 made payable to the State Forester is enclosed as a deposit. *The deposit will be credited as a performance bond for the successful bidder and will be returned to all other bidders.* If the successful bidder fails to execute the contract in the prescribed time period or perform services to the standards outlined in the contract; in addition to all other legal remedies available, the deposit will be forfeited to the Department. If this bid is accepted, **I agree to pay the balance due for the offered timber within ten (10) days of the bid acceptance date.** I have read the sample contract to be signed if my bid is accepted.

A purchaser is in default if his/her bid is accepted and he/she fails to abide by this agreement to purchase the timber as offered. Debarment, suspension, or rejection of future bids by the Department may result from such default.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Typed or Printed)

**Send to:**  
**Virginia Department of Forestry**  
**Attention: Dennis Gaston**  
**New Kent Forestry Center**  
**11301 Pocahontas Trail**  
**Providence Forge, VA 23140**



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**SAMPLE TIMBER SALE CONTRACT**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014, by and between the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Forestry hereinafter called the Department and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, Virginia, hereinafter called the Purchaser.

**ARTICLE I**

(1) The Department agrees to sell and the Purchaser agrees to buy all the standing sawtimber and pulpwood on an estimated 33.2 acre tract designated for harvest cutting. ALL MERCHANTABLE TIMBER IS SCHEDULED FOR CUTTING UNDER THIS CONTRACT. The sale area is located in Sussex County, north of Rt. 622, one mile west of Rt. 620. See attached maps and consult a Virginia Highway map. The volume is estimated to be 303,900 board feet of sawtimber, 106,800 board feet of pine chip and saw and 1,123.5 tons of pulpwood. The volumes are only estimates and not guaranteed. Each bidder is urged to use their own cruise data to compute bids. The timber sold consists of predominantly loblolly pine with some yellow poplar and mixed pulpwood.

(2) The Department guarantees the title to said timber and to defend it against any and all claims for taxes, mortgages or other legitimate encumbrances at its own expense.

(3) The Department hereby expressly grants to the Purchaser the right of ingress and egress across and upon the sale area.

**ARTICLE II**

(1) The Purchaser agrees to pay the Department for this timber the sum of (\$ (FULL AMOUNT)) dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_) for all the timber sold hereunder. The full balance is due and payable within ten (10) days from the date hereof. No timber shall be cut, nor shall this contract be deemed to be in effect until payment has been made in full.

(2) The Purchaser agrees to notify the New Kent Forestry Center office (804) 966-2201 **three (3)** days prior to the commencement of harvest activities.

(3) Unless a written extension of time is granted by the Department, all stumpage sold hereunder shall be removed on or before January 1, 2016.

**ARTICLE III**

(1) Timber harvested hereunder shall be felled, skidded and concentrated in such manner as to cause the least possible waste and a minimum of damage to unmarked timber, reserve areas, streams, creeks, springs and soils.

- (a) Stumps shall be cut in such manner as to cause the least possible waste and not higher than 10 inches above ground level, except on misshapen or defective trees where cutting below 10 inches is not practical.
- (b) All trees sold hereunder shall be utilized as low in diameter in the tops as may be practical.
- (c) All merchantable trees will be cut (unless otherwise designated).
- (d) All trees greater than 2 inches in diameter shall be felled within the cutting boundaries. Logging debris accumulated outside the sale area shall be pulled back within the sale area unless otherwise specified by the Forest Management Specialist.
- (e) Extreme caution will be requested in felling and skidding any trees near the harvest boundary in order to minimize damage to trees in buffer strips and SMZs.
- (f) No trees, laps or logging debris will be left in streams, creeks or springs.

- (g) The Purchaser and the Department shall mutually lay out the designated system of skidding trails over which the timber sold hereunder shall be removed and all skidding activities will be confined to these trails.
- (h) The Department and the Purchaser shall agree to suspend logging activities during such time as these activities would result in detrimental consequences to forest soils during prolonged periods of inclement weather.

(2) Timber harvested by the Purchaser from standing trees shall be removed in such a manner as to cause the least possible damage to the existing main haul roads and no public hazard at entrance ways to primary and secondary Virginia highways.

- (a) Access to the sale area is adequate and main hauls will be confined to this system for all men, materials and logging equipment including trucks necessary for removal of said timber; the right to designate or approve the location of any new road across State Forest land is specifically reserved.
- (b) All such new roads with the exception of skidding roads constructed by the Purchaser and all existing roads within the timber sale area shall be left in passable condition (usable by pickup truck) during and upon completion of this contract.
- (c) During and upon completion of the harvest operation the Purchaser shall comply with the Water Quality and BMP standards listed in the Virginia's Forestry Best Management Practices for Water Quality, Fourth Edition, issued by the Virginia Department of Forestry. The Department reserves specifically the right to request corrective action of the Purchaser in maintenance and stabilization of forest roads, trails, culvert pipes, water bars, side ditches, lead-off ditches, decks, and skid trails where destructive action of the Purchaser has contributed to a BMP or Water Quality problem.
- (d) The Purchaser shall guard against the unnecessary transfer of mud and debris by vehicle onto the public highway system of the Commonwealth of Virginia, whereby the same poses a threat to public safety. Furthermore, the Purchaser assumes the responsibility for the preventive and/or corrective action necessary to eliminate this source of hazard should the problem develop.
- (e) The purchaser will assume the responsibility for stabilizing against erosion on used forest roads and trails according to the Water Quality BMP Handbook.

(3) The location of any landings or logging deck areas will be approved by the Department prior to development.

(4) The Purchaser agrees to exercise the utmost care and caution to prevent the inception and spread of forest fires on the area for sale and on adjoining areas. The Purchaser further agrees to observe and comply with all the forest fire laws of the State of Virginia which may be applicable. The Purchaser will be held liable for costs associated with controlling any fire caused by the harvest operation or for fire damage to residual trees and adjacent forest stands.

#### ARTICLE IV

The Department reserves the right to postpone timber removal under terms of this contract for gross noncompliance with the agreed upon provisions herein, to the extent, however, that in case of dispute over the terms of this agreement, the Department and the Purchaser agree to accept the decision of an arbitration board of three selected persons. Each of the contracting persons will select one person and the two selected will select a third to form this board. In the event a satisfactory decision is not reached, appeal to the local Circuit Court is available.

#### ARTICLE V

(1) The Purchaser's signature on the face of this bid certifies that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a bid for the same materials and is in all respects, fair and without collusion or fraud. The Purchaser understands that collusive bidding is a violation of the Virginia Governmental Fraud Act and federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences, and civil damage awards. The Purchaser agrees to abide by all conditions of this bid/proposal.

(2) The Purchaser, and all solicitations and advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Purchaser, will state that such Purchaser is an equal opportunity employer.

- (a) The Purchaser will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex or national origin, except where religion, sex or national origin is a bonafide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the Purchaser.
- (b) The Purchaser agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notice setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(3) DRUG FREE WORKPLACE: The Contractor acknowledges and certifies that it understands that the following acts by the Contractor, its employees, and/or agents performing services on state property are prohibited:

- (a) The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of alcohol or other drugs; and
- (b) Any impairment or incapacitation from the use of alcohol or other drugs (except the use of drugs for legitimate medical purposes).

The Contractor further acknowledges and certifies that it understands that a violation of these prohibitions constitutes a breach of contract and my result in default action being taken by the Commonwealth in addition to any criminal penalties that may result from such conduct.

(4) The Purchaser/bidder certifies and warrants that by his signature on the face of this bid he has neither offered nor received any kickbacks from any other bidder in connection with his bid on this solicitation. A kickback is defined as an inducement for the award of a contract, in the form of any payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services or anything present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value is exchanged. Further, no person shall demand or receive any payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services or anything of value in return for an agreement not to compete on a public contract.

(5) No bidder shall confer on any public employee having official responsibility for a procurement transaction any payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services, or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value is exchanged.

(6) The Purchaser/contractor shall indemnify, and hold harmless the Commonwealth of Virginia, its offices, agents and employees from any claims, suits, liability or damage arising from or caused by negligence on the part of the Purchaser/Contractor in harvesting the pulpwood and timber herein conveyed.

(7) This contract may not be assigned, sublet or transferred without the written consent of the Department.

WITNESS:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
PURCHASER

\_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE NUMBER

Approved at Charlottesville, Virginia, under the above conditions \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

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DIRECTOR OF STATE LANDS